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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT: Building Maintenance

1. At our meeting on 6 January 1972 on the above subject, it was agreed that this office would look into the police powers aspects of the GSA guard force and a guard force run by the Agency. Attached is a memorandum prepared by [REDACTED] dated 31 January 1972 dealing with police powers and Agency control of the guard force, Mr. [REDACTED] points out that in order to have appropriate police powers, an Agency-controlled guard force would have to secure legislation for such purpose. It would appear doubtful that the Director would approve seeking such legislation and certainly there are serious political aspects to consider.

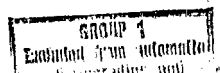
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2. The second item that OGC was to accomplish was an appraisal of proposed legislation. The Senate has passed S. 1736. Insofar as our interest is concerned, it would require all Government agencies to pay into a Federal building fund rental equivalents as well as costs of maintenance, repair and other services including reimbursement for guard services. There is a similar bill in the House, H. R. 10488, and the House committee has ordered this favorably reported although there is no written report yet. The Office of Legislative Counsel has checked into this matter and advises that while the House bill is not the highest priority they do expect favorable action during this session. It is, therefore, to be expected that there will be a final bill. The provisions of concern to the Agency are substantially similar in both bills.

3. With the above prognosis for a law in this area, it would seem we have a sound basis for initiating discussions with GSA in attempting to arrive at cost figures. We can well argue that we need to plan ahead for budgeting purposes and, consequently, want their assistance in estimating costs.

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